ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE

Provincial Operations Intelligence Bureau

SITUATION REPORT

DATE: 2022-02-24 **FILE NAME: Project HENDON**

Report#: 053-2022 **Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0**

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-24 at 1230 hours.

The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.

REVOCATION OF EMERGENCIES ACT

On 2022-02-23, the government revoked the use of the Emergencies Act, noting that the emergency situation had been resolved.

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.

- OPP reporting notes that some blockade participants may be planning to return to Ottawa to protest on foot. A planned slow roll into Ottawa today was cancelled.

OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

- Open source research has identified the following:
  - Social media messaging on an account for MARINERSFORFREEDOM20222 (@derekcollier52) suggesting that "everyone" should go to Ottawa for a peaceful protest on the sidewalks, and to slow roll the city and the 400 series highways.
  - Social media messaging in the name of [redacted] with an image of a female and what appears to be an image of a police officer at the enforcement action in Ottawa to clear the blockade. The caption reads "WHO PROTECTS THE PEOPLE FROM THE POLICE???"

  - An online video by THE CRACKPOT FARMER in which he states that Prime Minister TRUDEAU revoked the Emergencies Act because thousands of "us" had sent him messages and he wants to save face.
  - Social media messaging stating that the Emergencies Act was revoked because the Senate was going to vote it down. The author then wrote "BACK TO OTTAWA!!!" Responses to this message appeared to be from people looking for a convoy to join.
  - Social media messaging in the name of THE FERRYMAN'S TOLL with two images of what appears to be a tidal wave. One image is captioned "FREEDOM CONVOY 2022" and the second is labelled "FREEDOM CONVOY 2022-2 #SECOND WAVE". The caption notes that it can be rebuilt stronger and "honkier".

TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) has advised that information received indicated that [redacted] had requested Downsview Park to host a freedom convoy for up to a few weeks. TPS is monitoring social media to identify further relevant information.

TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Open source research indicates that a March for Freedom is planned at Queens Park on 2022-02-26 starting at noon.

AMBASSADOR BRIDGE:

- Nothing new to report.

BLUE WATER BRIDGE:

- Nothing new to report.

PEACE BRIDGE:

- Nothing new to report.

ONTARIO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- Nothing new to report.

ONTARIO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Open source research has yielded social media messaging for Freedom Chains across highways in Ontario on 2022-03-05 on Highway 17 near the Manitoba border; Highway 11 in North Bay; Highway 12 in Orillia; Highway 7; and Highway 417. The messaging indicates that local organizers are still needed.

ASSESSMENT

The recent freedom convoy blockades at Canadian border points and in Ottawa represent an acute manifestation of a broad anti-government and anti-authority movement that will remain a chronic, long-term challenge for law enforcement. It is almost certain that anti-government and anti-authority protests and civil unrest will continue for the foreseeable future. The framing of the revocation of the Emergencies Act as a victory by some supporters and influencers within this movement is likely to encourage future protests and anti-government activities. Online messaging continues to reflect anti-government and anti-police rhetoric, as well as an intent by some individuals to engage in further actions in support of the movement.

The OPP, along with its partners, will continue to monitor for any indicators of potential or specific threats with regard to the freedom movement and to share relevant information as required.

Appendix: Anticipated Events

OTTAWA			
CURRENT SITUATION - OTTAWA			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - OTTAWA			
DATE	**TIME**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
24-Feb-22	1700 hrs	Eastcoast Hold Line	Location: Big Stop Restaurant at 2870 Route 1, Rothesay, NB Meet at 1700 hrs for departure at 1800 hrs to Ottawa Organizer was involved in recent protests in Ottawa 1 Going, 18 Interested
Daily	1100 hrs	Freedom Rally Ottawa	Canadian War Museum – 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa Daily at 1100 hrs From Instagram page We Are All Essential Unknown participants

TORONTO - QUEEN'S PARK			
CURRENT SITUATION - TORONTO			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - TORONTO			
DATE	**TIME**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
26-Feb-22	1200 hrs	Convoy for Freedom Toronto - March for Freedom	Meet in the North Park at 1200 hrs March to begin at 1400 hrs Route: Avenue – Bloor – Yonge – Queen – Spadina – College – Queen's Park Cres E Anticipated attendance unknown
26-Feb-22	1200 hrs	The Line Canada - Toronto Peaceful Assembly	"It's time to say NO to mandatory vaccinations & vaccine passports" Queen's Park, Toronto Start at 1200 hrs thelinecanada.com / attendance unknown

WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
DATE	**TIME**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
26-Feb-22	1530 hrs	Bake Sale for the Freedom Fighter Defence	• 4810 Wyandotte St E, Windsor

OTHER AREAS / EVENTS			
OTHER EVENTS - WEEK OF 21 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	**LOCATION**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
Week of 21 Feb 2022	Canada	FREEDOM WEEK	Week of 21 Feb 2022 Organizers associated to the Ottawa truck convoy are encouraging individuals to participate in a week of civil disobedience

OTHER EVENTS - FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	**LOCATION**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
U/K	Hawkesbury / L'Orignal	Support Protest for those arrested in Ottawa	*rescheduled from 21 Feb 22* Support protest in Hawkesbury for those arrested in Ottawa. Group will join the planned protest at the CSDCEO school board in L'Orignal

OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	**LOCATION**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
1000 hrs	Peterborough	Ontario Protests and Freedom to Assemble	Peterborough Slow Roll Meeting at Metro parking lot at 1154 Chemong Rd, Peterborough
1200 hrs	Smiths Falls to Almonte	"Stop Being Complaint *[sic]* Stand with Us" Freedom Convoy	Start: 1200 hrs at Smiths Falls Community Centre Slow-Roll Route: Smiths Falls – Perth – Carleton Place – Almonte
1400 hrs	Hamilton City Hall	FREEDOM OF CHOICE RALLY	Guest speakers: [redacted] from People's Party of Canada and friends
U/K	Nipigon	Nipigon Bridge POE	Protest was scheduled for 13 Feb 2022 has been rescheduled for 26 Feb 2022

OTHER EVENTS - SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	**LOCATION**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
1200 hrs	Orangeville	Dufferin – Caledon Community Gathering WE STAND WITH OUR TRUCKERS	Post from Canada Protests and Freedom to Assemble Information Page Time: 1200 hrs Location: Rotary Park, 80 2nd Ave, Orangeville Unknown participants

OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 05 MARCH 2022			
TIME	**LOCATION**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
1000 hrs 1430 hrs	Canada	Freedom Chain Across Canada	Freedom Chain across Canada to take place on Trans-Canada Highway(s) Ontario Route: Hwy 17 at Manitoba border – Hwy 11 in North Bay – Hwy 12 through Orillia – Hwy 7 – Hwy 417 to Quebec Border

OTHER EVENTS - EARLY/MID-MARCH 2022			
TIME	**LOCATION**	**NAME**	**COMMENTS**
Various	Washington DC, USA	Several convoys to Washington DC, USA	Several trucker convoys are expected to converge on Washington DC in early to mid-March. Disruptions to traffic expected on major roadways beginning 23 Feb 2022. Major disruptions anticipated in the Washington DC area from 05-07 March 22. May impact the Canadian Diplomatic Mission located at 501 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC.

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